

Roanoke River Basin Bi State Commission

Summary of Minutes from July 25, 2012 Meeting

RRBBC members present:

NC: Senator Douglas Berger, Representatives James Crawford and Edith Warren, Chuck Peoples, Larry Yarborough, and Nate Hall.

VA: Senators Bill Stanley and Frank Ruff, Delegates James Edmunds, Tommy Wright, and Charles Poindexter, John Feild, and Haywood Hamlet

Staff present:

NC: Tom Fransen and Toya Ogallo, NCDENR; Rick Seekins, Kerr-Tar COG

VA: Tammy Stephenson, VADEQ

- I. The Commission approved the minutes from the March 20, 2012 meeting.

- II. Election of Officers for the 2012-2013 Year
 1. Haywood Hamlet nominated Mike McEvoy as Chair. Delegate Thomas Wright seconded the nomination. Upon motion by Mr. Hamlet and seconded by Representative Wright, Mike McEvoy was elected as Chair of the RRBBC by unanimous acclamation.

 2. Representative James Crawford nominated Larry Yarborough to serve as 1st Vice Chair. Senator Douglas Berger seconded the nomination. Upon motion by Representative Crawford and seconded by Senator Berger, Larry Yarborough was elected as 1st Vice Chair by unanimous acclamation.

 3. John Feild nominated Delegate Thomas Wright to serve as 2nd Vice Chair. Mr. Yarborough seconded the nomination. Upon motion by Mr. Field and seconded by Mr. Hamlet, Delegate Wright was elected as 2nd Vice Chair.

Chair Mike McEvoy was absent; therefore Representative Warren passed the gavel to Larry Yarborough, who presided over the remainder of the Commission meeting.

- III. Committee Reports
 1. Tom Fransen gave a brief report on the July 9, 2012 meeting of the NC Delegation to the Commission. Mr. Fransen also discussed the Water Allocation Ad Hoc Committee Report. During this report, John Field made a motion that the Commission consider sending a letter for the Army Corps of Engineers to thank them for their patience in waiting on the Bi-State Commission to address the protocol for water allocation and asking that no additional

allocations for water from John H. Kerr Reservoir be considered until North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has completed the Reallocation Study of Water Supply In Kerr Lake as required in NC Session Law 2012-200 (with the exception of an adjustment to Dominion's Mecklenburg Power Station allocation.) Senator Frank Ruff seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously by the Commission.

2. *Read Charlton, Vice Chairman of the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee, gave an update on this Committee. At the May 14 meeting, the Committee had a presentation from Dr. Paul Locke and David Feary, who served on the study committee for the NAS uranium mining study. A copy of their presentation is available on the VRRBAC website. The Committee also had two presentations on weed control programs on lakes in the Roanoke River basin.*

IV. Presentations

1. [Peter Pommerenk, Virginia Beach Public Utilities gave a presentation on "Phase II of the Uranium Mining Impact Study"](#). This presentation is incorporated, by reference, to these minutes.
2. [Olga Kolotushkina, Roanoke River Basin Association, gave a presentation on Proposed Uranium Mining, Milling, and Radioactive Waste Storage in the Roanoke's Watershed.](#) This presentation is incorporated, by reference, to these minutes.

V. Next Meeting.

The Next meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, August 27th in Virginia at a place to be determined. This meeting will be preceded by the VRRBAC meeting. Other Business

1. Representative Crawford brought up for discussion a [resolution on Uranium Mining adopted by the North Carolina Delegation to the Commission](#). The resolution states that the NC delegation is opposed to Uranium mining in Virginia and to the elimination of the existing legislative moratorium on uranium mining in VA. This resolution was adopted by the NC Delegation at its July 9th meeting. The resolution requests that the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission concur with the North Carolina Delegation by official resolution.

Upon discussion, Delegate Tommy Wright made a motion to approve the resolution in concept and to forward the NC resolution to the VRRBAC for comment and consideration. Delegate James Edmunds seconded the motion and it was approved by majority vote of the Commission. Delegate Charles Poindexter abstaining on the basis that he would like to wait to see the results of the Governor's workgroup on Uranium Mining before making a decision. It was agreed that the resolution would be an agenda

item for both VRRBAC and the Bi-State Commission at the meetings to be held August 27.

2. Chuck Peoples updated the Commission on a recent request he made in his capacity representing the Nature Conservancy to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Kerr Reservoir 216 Study. The 216 Study is concluding the technical studies phase of data collection/modeling and progressing through the process of plan formulation, prior to the selection of a preferred alternative for final approval. Mr. Peoples' letter asks that ACOE follow-through on analyses of reservoir water level management and flood risk reduction benefits derived from the current operations and the three proposed alternatives for operation. [Mr. Peoples provided to the Commission his May 15, 2012 letter to the Corps, Colonel Steven Baker's response dated June 8, 2012, and a summary memorandum developed for the July 25th Commission meeting.](#)

Upon a motion by Mr. Peoples, seconded by Mr. Feild, the Commission voted unanimously to invite a representative from the ACOE to the August 27 meeting to give an update to the Bi-State Commission on the Kerr 216 Study.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.